

Messrs. K. Karunakaran
and C. V. Iyyu.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Prime Minister*) I second the motion.
Motion put and carried

Mr. President. The Committee will report within one month.

(vi) **The Cochin Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill**

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): The story of the next Bill also is the same. The Cochin Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill was discussed in this House and was referred to a Select Committee. That Select Committee has not submitted its report. I therefore move that in the place of the old members of the Committee the following members be substituted namely.—

Messrs. Joseph Mundassery
A. K. Kunjumoiden
A. M. Thomas
K. I. Velayudhan
M. I. Paul
C. V. Iyyu
A. K. George and
P. C. Varkey.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Prime Minister*) I second it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the House that the Select Committee, even if they study the whole Bill as it is and make a report about it, the whole Bill will have to be changed—every section will have to be changed “lock stock and barrel”

Mr. President: The Select Committee can do that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Yes, but the principles underlying the Bill are practically a negation of all civil liberties.....

Mr. President: Is the Hon'ble Member discussing the principle of the Bill?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Not exactly the principle of the Bill.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): Sir, the Bill was referred to a Select Committee on the previous occasion for this purpose. There is an Act on the Statute Book which came into force by virtue of a Proclamation by His Highness the Maharaja. It was the intention that the principles must be examined by this House and later by a Select Committee which is a Committee of this House so that necessary safeguards, if any, for the civil liberties referred to by the Hon'ble member for Kunnamkulam may be incorporated by the Select Committee and it is for that purpose that the Bill is going to the Select Committee. It is not the intention of the Government to oppose any necessary safeguard in the interests of civil liberties which the Select Committee might deem it proper to introduce to this Bill.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): I think, I am free to oppose or amend the motion for the reference to the Select Committee.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): No. It is not being referred to a Select Committee, I am only proposing new names.

Mr. President: The motion to refer the Bill to a Select Committee has already been passed. It is only a change of the personnel of the Committee that is now being contemplated by this motion.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): If the Hon'ble President is of opinion that no member can oppose or amend the motion at this stage.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): If there are names which are objectionable, the Hon'ble Member can oppose.

Mr. President: It is not my personal opinion. As the rules now stand, since a motion has been passed by the previous Council to refer this Bill to a Select Committee, that motion stands. The present motion is only to substitute new personnel for the old personnel. Therefore I do not see how this motion can be one for reference to a Select Committee. There is no such motion before the House now.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (*Labour*): New names can be suggested.

Mr. President: The motion now before the House is about the names of the new Select Committee. Is the Hon'ble Member opposing that?

Motion put and carried

Mr. President: The Committee will report within one month.

(vii) The Cochin Antiquities (Export Control) Bill

Mr. C. A. Ouseph (*Minister for Education and Public Health*): I move that the Cochin Antiquities (Export Control) Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Law, Messrs. Joseph Mundassery, K. Kochukuttan, P. K. Paul, A. Eachara Menon, V. K. Joseph and Dr. C. L. Joseph.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Prime Minister*): I second the motion.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Finance and Law*): I move that the Minister for Finance and Law may be omitted.

Mr. P. K. Paul (*Kodassery*): I regret my inability to serve in the Committee because I do not know much of antiquities.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph (*Minister for Education and Public Health*): I have no objection to the name being removed.

Mr. P. K. Dewar (*Labour*): I suggest that instead of Mr. Paul, Miss Anne Joseph may be included.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph (*Minister for Education and Public Health*): The Government have no objection.

Motion put and carried

Mr. President: The Committee will report within one month. The House now stands adjournrd till 10 a. m. to-morrow.

The House rose for the day at 6-12 p. m.

N. I. OUSEPH,
Secretary